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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON TEXTILES

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1. INITIAL ANALYSIS OF DATA USED BY U.S. AND GOC DELS
IN NEGOTIATIONS DISCOVERED POSSIBLE MISPLACED DECIMAL
IN GOC DATA FOR CATEGORY 230. CORRECTION DECREASED GOC
AGGREGATE TO 4 6 MILLION YDS. ABOVE U.S. AGGREGATE.
2. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DISCUSSIONS INVOLVED DETAILED
SHIPMENT BY SHIPMENT ANALYSIS OF U.S. AND GOC DATA,
WHICH IMMEDIATELY DISCLOSED NUMEROUS CLASSIFICATION
PROBLEMS IN GOC DATA WHICH, WHEN CORRECTED, WILL POSSIBLY
ELIMINATE THE 4.6 MILLION DIFFERENCE. ANALYSES TO
RECONCILE CATEGORY DIFFERENCES ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN
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COMMENCING ON MONDAY.

3. FRIDAY EVENING DISCUSSIONS ALSO INDICATED THAT GOC APPLIED
INCORRECT CRITERIA FOR DEFINING WOOL TEXTILES, WHICH RESULTED IN

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HIGHER GOC TOTALS FOR WOOL. PROBLEM CLARIFIED DURING DISCUSSIONS CORRECTED GOC MISUNDERSTANDING OF TEXTILE DEFINITION IN MFA.
4. GOC REQUESTED THAT US WOOL DATA FOR YE MARCH 75 BE USED AS BASIS FOR LEVELS IN AGREEMENT. WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES THAT PRESENT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS COULD NOT COVER THIS SUBJECT, LIPSCOMB AGREED TO CONVEY REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.
5. ON BASIS OF PROGRESS IN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, IT APPEARS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT GOC WILL ACCEPT U.S. DATA AS BASIS FOR LEVELS IN AGREEMENT. ALSO APPEARS THAT SUSPICION OF POSSIBLE FRAUD BY GOC EXPORTERS UNFOUNDED WITH RESPECT TO U.S. SHIPMENTS. GOC DEL INFORMALLY INQUIRED ABOUT EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.
6. LIPSCOMB MET WITH INDUSTRY REPS IN MEDELLIN ON SAT TO REVIEW ITEMS EXPORTED, CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS AND NECESSITY FOR MORE DETAILED REPORTS TO GOC. ALL AGREED THAT EARLY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR BOTH GOC AND INDUSTRY TECHNICIANS IMPERATIVE.
7. LIPSCOMB PUSHING FOR WRAP-UP OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS BY P.M. WEDNESDAY.
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